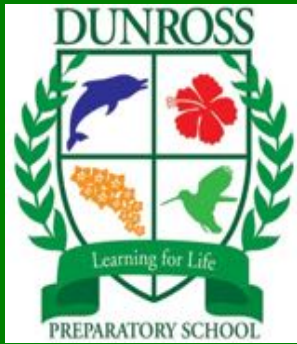


# Newsletter

Term 1 – 2019/2020



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Dunross Preparatory School welcomes all students and parents to yet another exciting year. A special welcome to the many new families joining our Dunross community!

Despite our trials with the ongoing WASA works, we look forward to an enriching and productive year ahead as we live out our Dunross Family values. We thank you for embracing the constraints of the parking space and access to the compound and we assure you that we are hoping for a speedy resolution to the situation as external work is completed.

Last term, we bid farewell to Mrs. Campbell-Corbie (SEA5), Ms. Natalie Mackay (Student Support) and Ms. Rostant (Art). We wish them well in their future endeavours!

We welcome Mrs. Stasia Cabral-Costelloe (Student Support), Ms. Stella Chong Sing (Primary 2) and Ms. Ashley Thompson (Art) to our Dunross Family.

Your children would have received the School Calendar and the Extra Curricular sheet in their bags last Friday. Please keep the School Calendar in a prominent place on your refrigerator or home notice board for ongoing reference. We suggest using our website as your Homepage to keep informed of all pertinent information ([www.dunross.edu.tt](http://www.dunross.edu.tt))

Every good wish to all parents, students and staff, as we forge ahead to keep communication open and maintain the wellbeing of each other as our first priority.

Karena Amow - Principal



Please remember to bring in  
your contributions for those  
affected by Hurricane  
Dorian.



Thank  
you!

We would like to offer our sincere appreciation to members of the DPTA and all parents who assisted with the painting of the students' bathrooms!

### **DROPPING ITEMS OFF FOR STUDENTS:**

To preserve the classroom learning environment, labelled items dropped off for students may be left at the office. The office will call down to the classroom and the student will be sent to pick up his/her belongings by the teacher, **at a time that least disturbs the class.**



### **Extra-Curricular Activities**

**Students who are interested in Swimming this term must be collected by parents after school and taken to Marlins at St. Anthony's College as there is no path passable between Dunross and St. Anthony's as a result of the WASA works.**

A reminder that the office does not accept payments for extra-curricular activities.

All payments should be made directly to the facilitator of the activity by mid-term for the latest.

### **DUNROSS IS A PEANUT-FREE SCHOOL**



We have several children with allergies and remind you to please check all labels to ensure that lunch kit items do not contain peanuts.



### **INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP CAMPAIGN 2019**

Come join the Infant 1d and Infant 1S classes at the Trinbago International Coastal Cleanup at Chagville Beach, Chaguaramas on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 7:00 am.**

*Further details available from Aunty Amanda (Inf1d).*

### **UNIFORMS:**

**Parents are asked to ensure that their child's uniform meets all the specifications set out in the Parent Handbook which is available on the website. We must remember that the appearance of each student reflects negatively or positively on our school. We will be paying close attention to uniform stipulations this term.**

Please note that once in stock, students will only be allowed to wear Dunross jackets while at school. Should there be no jackets in your child's size, we will allow students to wear **plain** black, dark blue **or** grey jackets until their size is sourced. If there are brand logos on these jackets, they must be no larger than 4cm squared.

### **STUDENT MEDICATION:**

Parents are reminded that staff is not allowed to administer medication to students. If your child is ill, you will be contacted and may be asked to collect him/her from school. Should a student need to take a specific medication, you may send the medication to school along with a written permission slip to his/her teacher, advising the name of the medication, the dosage and time of administering same.



**Parents of children with life-threatening allergies must submit 3 copies of a one-page notice with all relevant information (including a photograph of the child) stating the child's class, parents' contact information, the type of allergy and treatment of same.**

### **LOST AND FOUND:**

Kindly label your child's belongings for ease of returning them when they are lost. Several times a year we donate items that have not been claimed from our 'Lost and Found', so we encourage students and parents to check the shelves at the side of the stage regularly for missing items.





### **PARENT VISITS:**

Parents are always welcome at Dunross and we are grateful for all the assistance you give at Library, Tuckshop, etc.

Please be reminded that when visiting the school during school hours, you must enter at the front door of our school (unless Admin. has given permission for you to pass through the back gate), report to the guard to sign in and receive a **Visitor/Parent Volunteer** pass which must be worn while on the school compound.

You are then required to advise a member of the administrative staff of your expected whereabouts before proceeding to the stage area. No parent is allowed to enter classrooms without a prearranged appointment, as this disrupts the class teacher and students.

We thank you for being diligent about this as it helps ensure the safety of our students and staff.

### **SECURITY:**

Please note that there is no security or teacher on duty before 6:30 a.m. Children are **NOT** to be dropped before the security guard is present on duty.

Also, children should be collected within 10 minutes of their last activity, whether Homework Supervision or an extra-curricular activity.

No child should be left at school late into the afternoon.

**There are no teachers on duty after 2:00 p.m. and no security after 3.30 p.m.**



### **CALLS TO/FROM THE OFFICE:**

We urge you to encourage independence and increase responsibility in your child. Schoolbags and all homework, projects, etc. should be checked and packed the night before. **Forgotten items, tuck shop money and "I'm not sure who is picking me up" are not considered emergencies.** Please ensure that your children are aware of their individual pickup arrangements.

Under certain circumstances, a student may be allowed to make a call from the office. In this case, there will be a charge of \$2.00 per call.

**Office hours: 7.45 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.**

### **GENERAL REMINDERS:**

#### **PICK UP CHANGES:**

Please keep messages through the office to a minimum. There have been numerous calls of late asking for children to be told of changes in pickup.

#### **FEES:**

School fees and other payments, i.e. Security, DPTA contribution and supplies are to be paid by 30<sup>th</sup> September through any branch of Republic Bank using A/c # 440800493701. Deposit slips are to be made up in triplicate, with the child's/children's name/s clearly printed. One copy remains with the Bank, one copy is retained by the parent and one copy is to be submitted/emailed promptly to the school office. Fees may also be paid on line and a copy of proof of payment sent to the office.

#### **PUNCTUALITY:**

Students are required to be in school by 7:58 a.m. when the first bell rings. Late cards are handed out to all students who arrive after 8:00 a.m. Pr. 1 to SEA5 students will receive a demerit for every 5 late cards they receive within the school year. The exceptions to this case are when a legitimate written excuse is given or where recurring appointments take place and a written explanation is lodged in their file. Parents of students from Kg to Infant 2 should expect a phone call from the class teacher after 5 late cards.

### **LICE CHECKS:**

Lice checks were made during the first week with excellent results.

Our thanks to all the mummies who assisted in this exercise.

You are reminded to check your children's heads regularly to ensure they are lice/nit free.

Care must be taken with the washing of hair!!

